GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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AVIATION FACILITIES AT PUNE AIRPORT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware that there are very few connecting flights from Pune;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any plan for providing national and international air connectivity to Pune;

(c)if so, the details thereof;

(d)if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e)the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to upgrade the Pune Airport at the earliest?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c) and (d):- There are 331 domestic flights and 10 international flights per week that operate through Pune airport. International flights are operated by Air India and Indian airlines. The Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route dispersal guidelines issued by Government.

(e):- To upgrade the Pune Airport, the exisiting building is being expanded and modified at a cost of Rs. 14.56 crores for handling limited international operations and the existing apron with 8 Nos. parking stands is being expanded with a new taxi track at a total cost of Rs. 16.31 crores.